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(c) A sum of Rs. 960 per annum is being collected in advance from the Geetha Cafe towards rent for the portion occupied by it. The electric current consumption charges are being collected every month separately on the basis of the actual consumption.

A sum of Rs. 600 and Rs. 180 per annum are being collected in advance towards rent and electric current consumption charges respectively from the Durbar Restaurant.

No rent is collected from the Madras Secretariat Staff Co-operative Restaurant. However a sum of Rs. 18.56 nP. per mensem is being collected towards electric current consumption and maintenance of the electrical installations in the rooms occupied by this Restaurant.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir is it not the understanding that separate accommodation should be provided for hon. Members during the sittings of the House? Are the instructions strictly adhered to by this restaurant?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I know that it is not being strictly adhered to. But I think it is largely the Members who are responsible for this. They take a large number of guests with them, and it becomes difficult for the restaurant people to distinguish between guests and outsiders.

Population

* 224 Q.—SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state the total population of Muslims, Christians and Scheduled Castes in the State according to 1961 Census?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) : Total population of Scheduled Castes in the State is 6,072,536. Particulars regarding the total population of Muslims and Christians have not yet been finalised.

SRI K. S. ABDUL WAHAB : Sir, while the ratio of each and every religion in the countries of the world is accounted for, may I know the reasons why it is not accounted for in our country?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I think the census operations are not yet complete. As soon as they are complete, we will get all these figures.

Children's wards

* 225 Q.—SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of children's wards in (i) T.B. Sanatorium, Tambaram, (ii) the Government General Hospital, (iii) the Government Stanley Hospital, (iv) the Opthalmic Hospital, (v) the Government Royapettah Hospital, (vi) the Women and Children's Hospital, Egmore, (vii) the Kasturba Hospital for Women and Children, and (viii) the Infectious Diseases Hospital; and

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(*b*) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to increase the bed strength in children's ward in the Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Tambaram?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) (i) Three.

(ii) Two.

(iii) Two.

(iv) One.

(v) Nil.

(vi) Six.

(vii) Three.

(viii) Nil.

(*b*) Nil.

SRIMATHI MARY C. CLUBWALA JADHAV : Sir, is there any proposal to have wards for children affected by chronic diseases?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Not at the moment, Sir.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is there any proposal to have a children's ward in the Government Royapettah Hospital?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : The Government have special programmes to make all the children healthier and to see that they are prevented from getting diseases. So, there is no point in thinking of extra beds in the hospital for children.

Pulic Health Department

*226 *Q*.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to take over the Public Health Department of the Corporation of Madras and merge it with the Public Health Department of the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor and the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Sir, has there been any occasion when there was overlapping of duties or clash of duties as between these two Health Officers within the City?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Yes, Sir.